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Shantimoy Chakma and Khalilur Rahman, both from Sisimpur

Asalaam ‘malaikum

Good afternoon!

Today is my lucky day!

It is your lucky day, too!

Today, Sisimpur comes to us ... all of my favorite characters: Halum, Shiku, Tuktuki and Ikri and the whole gang have come to us here in Ujanipara!

Sisimpur is so special ... it opens doors for children... it nurtures a thirst to learn, a thirst to understand ...

Sisimpur in Ujanipara is even more special. Your Sisimpur comes on a rickshaw van ... and comes with a Sisimpur Mama.

Those of us who watch Sisimpur in Dhaka are on our own ... we don't have a Sisimpur Mama.

Parents, you, too, are lucky. Sisimpur is giving your children a good launch to their education. Even before they set foot in a classroom, your children already know the magic of learning, the wonder of exploring, the excitement of new ideas, new information.

So, when they show up for the first day in the classroom, they are so eager, so ready to learn.

I am happy that America helps bring Sisimpur to the children of Ujanipara and to all of Bangladesh.

I wish to thank our friends from Sisimpur and Sesame Workshop for making this special day possible.

I wish to thank the parents for taking advantage of this opportunity to give their children a headstart in life.

Last, I thank the children of Ujanipara for sharing Sisimpur and their Sisimpur Mama with me.

Thank you.

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